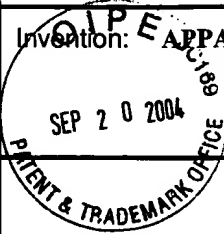
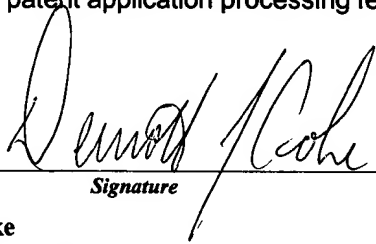
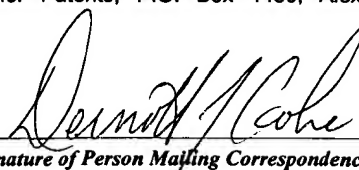


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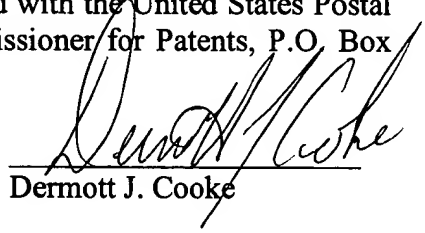
In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2003, Applicants' respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

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